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ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

Section 1. General

The Southern Texas PGA Member Tournament Program has the primary purpose of providing a collegial atmosphere and networking opportunities for the Members and Associates. These events will provide opportunities to build relationships, introduce new Members to the fraternal aspects of the Association, and encourage the Members to play golf and experience many of the golf facilities in Southern Texas.

The tournaments also provide an opportunity to compete for prize money, demonstrate proficiency and expertise in the game and promote the PGA Members as accomplished players and leaders in the game.

The tournaments provide a showcase to promote the facilities hosting events and the game. The pro-am events also provide an avenue for Members to develop relationships with the amateur patrons of their facilities.

Competitions sponsored, co-sponsored, or sanctioned by the Southern Texas PGA are governed by the most recently published edition of the USGA Rules of Golf All Professionals are responsible for knowing the USGA Rules of Golf and the terms of the competition in which they are entered including the provisions stated herein.

ARTICLE II

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. Definition

The President of the Southern Texas PGA shall appoint a Tournament Chair and Committee. The Committee shall be no more than 10 members. At the discretion and approval of the Section President, the Chairperson may appoint the Committee members. These individuals must be in good standing, have full privileges of the Section, and shall include a current Senior representative and an Assistant representative. The term of office as a Tournament Committee member shall coincide with the term of office of the Section Officers.

Section 2. Duties

The Committee's responsibilities will include approval of the official STPGA Tournament Schedule and administration of the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations.

Amendments, additions, or changes to the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations should be proposed to the Tournament Committee and approval or modification of the Tournament Rules and Regulations would be the responsibility of the STPGA Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. Schedule

The STPGA Tournament Schedule will be posted on the Southern Texas PGA website and will include STPGA Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, and Sanctioned Tournaments.

Section 2. Sponsored Tournaments

A Southern Texas PGA Sponsored Event is defined as an event conducted entirely by the Southern Texas PGA. This type of event would include but not be limited to the STPGA Professional Championship, Stroke Play Championship, Tradition Championship, Spring Classic Championship, Memorial Championship, Pro-Pro Match Play Championship, Texas Team Championship, STPGA Assistant Professional Championship, STPGA Senior Professional Championship, Texas Joe Black Cup Matches, Levy Cup Matches, Southern, Eastern, and Western Chapter Pro-Pros, Fall Pro-Assistant, and other events that may be owned and administered in the future by the STPGA. Unless otherwise stated in the specific tournament eligibility, only Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates, in good standing, are eligible to compete in these events. Each tournament will have specific eligibility requirements that are approved by the Tournament Committee and defined in the application for entry of each respective tournament.

Section 3. Co-Sponsored Tournaments

A Southern Texas PGA Co-Sponsored Tournament is defined as a tournament conducted by the Southern Texas PGA or other recognized golf association within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA. Co-Sponsored tournaments may or may not appear on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Schedule and include but are not limited to PGA Tour Tournaments, PGA Tour Pre-Qualifying and Event Qualifying Tournaments, PGA Tour Champions Tournaments and PGA Tour Champions Pre-Qualifying and Event Qualifying Tournaments, USGA Championships and USGA Qualifying Tournaments, the Texas State Open and its Qualifying Tournaments, the Texas Senior Open, PGA of America Tournaments, LPGA Tournaments and Qualifiers. STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments will determine their own eligibility and conditions of competition. STPGA Members and Associates are expected to abide by the STPGA Tournament Code of Conduct and could be subject to applicable penalties as prescribed herein while participating in STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments.

Section 4. Sanctioned Tournaments

A Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Tournament is defined as a tournament conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA by a second party. The tournament will appear on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Schedule. It is the responsibility of the host Southern Texas PGA Member or Associate at the facility conducting the tournament to ensure the tournament is sanctioned by the Southern Texas PGA. STPGA Members and Associates may request to have a tournament sanctioned by completing and submitting the proper form to the Southern Texas PGA Administrative Headquarters. The STPGA Tournament Committee at its sole discretion may accept or reject the tournament as sanctioned.

All fees, obligations, and services provided by the Southern Texas PGA are determined and approved by the Southern Texas PGA Board of Directors. All fees, obligations, and services provided by the Southern Texas PGA will be detailed on the STPGA Sanctioned Tournament Request and Confirmation forms.

These benefits and obligations include but are not limited to the following:

Benefits

- Listing on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Calendar viewable on the STPGA website
- Hyperlink from STPGA Tournament Calendar to detailed webpage with pertinent facts about tournament
- Printable tournament entry form which can be downloaded from the website
- Promotion in STPGA print and electronic newsletters
- Email reminder to STPGA Members and Associates
- Protection of the selected date due to the STPGA Conflicting Tournament rule and penalties for STPGA Members and Associates
- Processing of Professional Purse payout
- Management of IRS Form 1099 reporting requirements associated with Professional purse winnings

Obligations

- Agreement to abide by STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations
- Providing the necessary funds for the Professional Purse to the STPGA for disbursement
- Professional Purse payout will be within the guidelines established in the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations
- Return of the official tournament scorecards and final tournament results to the STPGA Administrative Headquarters within ten (10) days of completion of the tournament

Section 5. Conflicting Tournaments

A tournament is defined as a golf competition where prize money or compensation is awarded to the professionals and a minimum of 12 Professionals (PGA Members, Associates, or other Professionals) participate. A Conflicting Tournament is defined as a tournament for which a STPGA Member or Associate might be eligible to play or compete that is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Southern Texas PGA which is not Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, or Sanctioned and whose dates coincide or overlap the dates of a STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournament. Any non-sanctioned event that will coincide with a re-scheduled STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned event will not be in breach of this policy.

Section 6. Competing in Conflicting Tournaments

STPGA Members and Associates that play or compete in a Conflicting Tournament without approval from the STPGA Tournament Committee will be penalized as follows:

1st Offense - \$100 fine

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

STPGA Members and Associates that desire to play or compete in a Conflicting Tournament may make a written request for exemption to the Tournament Chair. At the sole discretion of the

Tournament Committee this request may be granted or denied. The purpose of the Conflicting Tournament rule is to encourage STPGA Members and Associates to have applicable tournaments they may be hosting sanctioned by the STPGA and on the STPGA Tournament Calendar. It also helps provide date protection and better assurance of stronger participation in those events that are sanctioned. Due to the fact that STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments are required to abide by the STPGA Tournament Rules and Regulations, the STPGA Members and Associates participating in these tournaments are assured consistent entry and tournament practices.

ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Requirements

Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing are eligible to participate in STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments provided they meet the specific eligibility restrictions for the tournament in question and provided they meet the PGA of America's eight (8) event rule which does not allow playing in more than eight (8) combined events on tours and events as determined by the PGA of America in the twelve (12) months preceding the tournament in question. Adams Pro Tour (APT) Events, The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 8-tournament count.

Section 2. Participation in STPGA Sponsored Tournaments

In general, eligibility for STPGA Sponsored Tournaments is limited to Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing. The exact eligibility criteria will vary by tournament and are detailed below:

Note #1: Active Members, who become unemployed, shall enter a one (1) year grace period in which they will still be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments. This one (1) year grace period will begin the day immediately following their final day of employment at their facility. This policy will not apply for any Member who has accepted employment outside of the golf industry as outlined under "Article V; Classes of Membership", on pages A-22 to A-26 of the PGA of America Constitution.

Note #2: Associates, who become unemployed, shall enter a grace period in which they will be able to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments until the end of the Membership year on June 30 as defined by the PGA of America. After such a time, the Associate will no longer be eligible to participate in STPGA Sponsored tournaments.

Major Tournaments

The Spring Classic, Stroke Play, Tradition, Memorial, and STPGA Professional Championships are considered Major Tournaments and count toward the respective point lists as detailed in Article VIII. The Spring Classic, Stroke Play, Tradition, Memorial Championships will each have an Open Division and a Senior Division. Eligibility for the Open Division of these four events shall be restricted to STPGA Members and Associates in good standing and in an Active Classification as defined by the PGA Constitution. *Note: Life Member – Active is considered a Non-Active Classification by the PGA.*

Eligibility for the Senior Division of these four events shall be restricted to STPGA Members and Associates in good standing who have 1) Reached the age of 50 on or before the scheduled first round of the tournament; and, 2) Are in an Active Classification, Retired Member, or Life Member (Retired or Active) as defined by the PGA Constitution.

National Qualifiers

The STPGA Professional, Senior and Assistant Professional Championships are all qualifiers for National Championships and as such the criterion for participation is established by the PGA of America. The STPGA will adhere to the national requirements. When any changes or flexibility to the eligibility for these events are allowed by the PGA, the STPGA Board of Directors may make changes to the STPGA's eligibility for these events within the allowed parameters. This practice will apply to any future tournaments established by the PGA that might require similar qualifying.

For the Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship, the following STPGA member classification will be allowed to play, despite being not allowed by the PGA of America: Life Member, Life Member Master Professional, Life Member Century. The members in these classifications must register by the entry deadline with the STPGA Office and will not be able to advance to the PGA Professional Championship.

Please note that Life Member and Life Member Master Professional are different classifications than Life Member Active and Life Member Master Professional Active.

Pro-Pro Championship

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing.

A-3, Reserve, and Class "F" Members are not eligible.

If the event becomes full prior to the registration deadline the following priority system will be used to determine who participates in the event based on priority number and entry date:

- 1st priority – Two Class A PGA Professionals
- 2nd priority – Class A PGA Professional and a Class B Associate
- 3rd priority – Two Class B Associates

*Please note: Class A Members for the purpose of the priority system will include Life Members and Master Professionals.

Assistant's Winter Classic

Class A-8 and Registered Associates in good standing. Suspended Associates are welcome to attend, however, will not be eligible for prize money.

Kickoff Pro-Pro, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Pro-Junior, Chapter Pro-Pros, and Pro-Pro Am-Am

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be in good standing.

A-3, Reserve, and Class "F" Members are not eligible.

Fall Pro-Assistant

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. Class "A" Members must be in good standing. Associates must be eligibly employed and in good standing.

A-3, Reserve, and Class "F" Members are not eligible.

Priority system with the following considerations before the entry deadline:

1st priority - historical teams - A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, and A-13 eligible to play with an eligibly employed A-8 or B-8 from their facility.

2nd priority - A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, A-13, and A-14 eligible to play with an eligibly employed A-6 or B-6 from their facility.

3rd priority - Any eligibly employed manager could play with any eligibly employed employee, such as A-15 & B15, or B-1 & B-8, A-14 & A-8. Note: A-1, A-2, A-4, A-7, A-9, A-13, and A-14s may not play together. Members and associates must be in good standing.

4th priority - A facility that has more than one PGA Member in a management position will be able to have both managers, (A-1, A-4, A-13, etc.) team up with or swing each assistant. In other words, a facility that has a PGA General Manager, A-13, and a PGA Head Professional, A-1, and two assistants could form two teams with the General Manager and two teams using the same assistants for the Head Professional.

5th priority - If the facility does not employ a PGA Assistant as defined for the eligibility of this tournament, the Head Professional-General Manager would be able to invite a PGA Life Member to participate as their partner. However, the Head Professional-General Manager and the Life Member cannot both be in the Top 30 of the current 2019 STPGA Open Division Point List or in the Top 8 of the current 2019 STPGA Senior Division Point List. If the facility does employ an assistant but that assistant is suspended or ineligible for any reason, the opportunity for the Head Professional-General Manager to play with a Life Member will not be allowed.

Texas Senior Open

Open to male and female Professionals and Amateurs that have a 8.4 Handicap Index or lower. Players that have reached their 50th birthday as of Round 1 of the tournament are eligible.

There are two Divisions for this event: Senior Division for players aged 50-64 will play 54-holes. Super Senior Division for players aged 65 and over will play 36-holes.

Pro-Pro Match Play

Class "A" Members, Life Members, Master Professionals, and Associates in the Southern Texas Section. A-3, Inactive and Class "F" Members are not eligible. Class "A" members must be in good standing at the time of registration and throughout the entire tournament. Associates must be eligibly employed and in good standing at the time of registration and throughout the entire tournament. Members that transfer out of Southern Texas would lose their eligibility to participate at the time of transfer.

NOTE: Partner changes will be allowed only prior to the first match or the first round's deadline (whichever occurs first). Partner changes will only be accepted in the case of Serious Medical Emergency (Doctor's Note Required), PGA Section Change, or Eligibility Change.

Texas Team Championship

Members and Associates must be in good standing.

Note: A-3's and Life Members are not eligible.

Any eligibly employed PGA Member or Associate may team with any other eligibly employed PGA Member or Associate from their facility. A priority system will be used with the following considerations before the entry deadline. If the event becomes full this system will be used to determine who participates in the event based on priority number and entry date:

1st priority – Two Class A PGA Professionals from the same facility.

2nd priority – Class A PGA Professional and a Class B Associate from the same facility.

3rd priority – Two Class B Associates from the same facility.

*Please note: Class F Members and suspended Associates, even though ineligible to participate, are still considered employed at their facility.

Members whose PGA Classification is with multiple facilities may play with an eligible PGA Member or Associate at any of those facilities.

Section 3. STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments

The eligibility for STPGA Co-Sponsored Tournaments is determined by the entity conducting the tournament.

Section 4. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments

The eligibility for STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments is limited to STPGA Members and Associates with some exceptions. The eligibility for STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments is determined by the Southern Texas PGA Member or Associate hosting the tournament. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments may expand their eligibility to include:

- 1) PGA Members and Associates, in good standing, from other PGA Sections
- 2) PGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, or PGA Tour Champions Members
- 3) LPGA Members and/or Associates
- 4) Up to three individuals not included in any of the aforementioned groups

Events not awarding a professional purse are not subject to the criteria above. STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments may restrict the event to invitation only provided the invitees still meet the eligibility as defined.

Section 5. Pro-Pro Tournaments

In STPGA Sponsored Tournaments that involve a Pro-Pro competition, no two STPGA Professionals in the top 24 on the STPGA Professional Point List or the top 6 in the Senior Point list may form a team. PGA Class A-3 Members and special exempt players (Such as but not limited to: Members of other PGA Sections and non-PGA Professionals when the eligibility and entry criteria for the event allow) are considered as being in the top 24 on the point list. In Pro-Pro Tournaments conducted prior to the second STPGA Major Tournament, the prior year's point lists would be referenced for this purpose. In Pro-Pro Tournaments conducted after the second STPGA Major Tournament, the current point list would be referenced. The point list referenced will be considered current as of the registration open date for the Pro-Pro event. The STPGA Major Tournaments are the Stroke Play Championship, Spring Classic Championship, the Memorial Championship, the Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

This policy will be enforced for the following tournaments: Kickoff Pro-Pro, Pro-Pro Championship, Pro-Pro Am-Am, Pro-Pro Match Play, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Western Chapter Pro-Pro, Southern Chapter Pro-Pro, and Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro

NOTE: this policy is NOT in place for the Texas Team Championship, Fall Pro-Assistant

ARTICLE V

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Section 1. Entry Requirements

All players must meet the specified eligibility of the registering tournament at the time of the entry deadline and the date of the tournament. Entries will be accepted via online registration, telephone, fax, or mail service. All entries are subject to review of the Tournament Committee. In order to compete in the Senior Division of Section Major Championships (Stroke Play Championship, Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Senior PGA Professional Championship) individuals must have reached their 50th birthday by or on the first day of the competition. An individual could be eligible to attempt to qualify for the Senior PGA Professional National Championship but if that person had not reached their 50th birthday by or on the first round of the STPGA Senior Professional Championship, that individual could attempt to qualify but would not be able to compete for the prize money or STPGA Senior Professional Championship.

Section 2. Entry Deadline

The official entry deadline for a specific event will be posted on the entry form and on the tournament web page. Late entries can only be accepted at the discretion of the STPGA Tournament Committee for sponsored events or the host professional for sanctioned events. All late entries will incur a \$10.00 fee. If an event reaches its maximum field size, as specified on each tournament entry form, players will be added to a waitlist prioritized by time of registration.

Section 3. Entry Fees

Entry fees are listed on the official entry form of the event posted on the tournament web page. Generally, entry fees are non-refundable after the entry deadline. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis by the Tournament Committee.

Section 4. Withdrawal Policy

Unless otherwise stated on the entry form, the following refund policy applies to all STPGA events:

1. Withdrawal prior to registration closing date:
 - a. Full refund returned to the player's BlueGolf account minus a processing fee of \$10.00.
 - b. Full refund returned to the players credit card minus a processing fee of \$20.00
2. Withdrawal after registration closing date:
 - a. Refund request must be submitted with withdrawal explanation by email to the STPGA office.
 - b. If a request is not received by the STPGA office within 48 hours of the completion of the event for which the refund is being requested, there will be no refund.

Section 5. Starting Time Requests

Any requests for specific starting times will be taken prior to the release of pairings for the noted tournament. These requests are not guaranteed and will be granted at the discretion of the Southern Texas PGA.

ARTICLE VI

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

In STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments the following Conditions of Competition shall be in effect:

Section 1. Separate Tees – Same Purse Policy

Female Professionals will play from a yardage approximately equal to 85% of the Male Professional's yardage in STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. Male Professionals age 60 and over will play from a yardage approximately equal to 94% of the Male Professional's yardage in tournaments that do not have a separate Senior Division.

For the Lake Charles Pro-Pro-Am-Am, all male PGA Professionals will play from a yardage that is the same as all Amateurs 59 and under. Amateurs 60 and over and Female Professionals will play at a yardage approximately 85% of the Male PGA Professional/Amateur 59 and under Yardage.

The Senior Male Professional yardage advantage shall not be in effect during the STPGA Professional Championship or the STPGA Senior Professional Championship. Although in certain tournaments when the professionals are competing from separate tees, the male, female and senior professionals shall compete for the same purse in such tournaments.

Players competing from tees other than the Male Professional tees shall not be eligible to earn playing privileges in PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions, Korn Ferry Tour tournaments or other special playing opportunity as they may become available.

Section 2. Alternative Spike Policy

It is a requirement of the Southern Texas PGA that all individuals (and their caddies) participating in any Southern Texas PGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournament wear spikeless/non-metal (alternative spike) golf shoes. The use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes may result in the participant slipping on wet or damp surfaces (inclusive of but not limited to turf areas, wooded areas such as bridges and pathways, etc.) and reduced traction on non-level areas of the course. As evidenced by the participant's entry application into the tournament, the participant acknowledges that potential dangers relative to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes have been disclosed to the participant and participant agrees to assume the risk of sustaining an injury arising from or attributable to the use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the tournament site. The participant hereby releases the Southern Texas PGA and the STPGA Officers, Directors, Members, employees, successors and assigns (the Indemnified Parties) from any and all claims for loss and damage, inclusive of, but not limited to personal injury, whether or not caused by participant's use of spikeless/non-metal golf shoes at the event's premises in connection with the tournament. The consideration for this release is the permission granted by the Southern Texas PGA to the participant to participate in the golf tournament. This release binds not only the participant, but also the participant's spouse, heirs, legal representatives, and assignees. If a competitor or his/her caddie is found to be in violation of this policy after making a stroke during his/her round, the competitor shall be disqualified from the event.

Section 3. Pace of Play Policy

In accordance with Rule 5.6b, the following pace of play guidelines, penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions have been adopted. In the administration of the pace of play guidelines, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

DEFINITION OF "OUT OF POSITION"

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as established by the Rules Committee.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or reach a par-4 or par-5 hole and all players have not played a stroke from the teeing area before the hole is open and free of play.

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Further, if a player is determined by the Rules Committee to be unreasonably slow, he/she may be timed individually at the Rules Committee's discretion, regardless of whether his/ her group is out of position.

TIMING

When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual are out of position and will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a players' stroke will begin when it is his/her turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and remove loose impediments on his/her line of play.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 second (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- d) The first player to play around the putting green;
- e) The first player to play on the putting green.

Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable.

PENALTIES DURING A ROUND

1st Offense: One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time) - no penalty.

2nd Offense: One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) - a one (1) stroke penalty.

3rd Offense: One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) - a two (2) stroke penalty.

4th Offense: One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 bad times) - disqualification.

NOTE: Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad time) will be carried over throughout the round.

APPEALS

Any appeal of a penalty must be referred to the on-site STPGA Tournament Director or designated Official in charge, immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The decision of the STPGA Tournament Director shall be final. If the player in question does not appeal immediately upon conclusion of his round, any penalties shall stand.

NOTE: A player may not appeal an occasion of being out of position and timed.

Section 4. Groove and Punch Mark Policy

The condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks will be in effect at all STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2019. Amateurs who participate in a Pro-Am that does not count in the official competition, the Pro-Pro Am-Ams, or Pro-Junior are exempt from this policy.

The USGA will be able to assist with a number of questions regarding conformity of equipment. Players can also go to <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html> to search the USGA data base on conforming clubs.

The player, should he/she have a question as to whether it conforms or not and their club is not on the list, can at his/her own risk play with the club and after the event send it to the USGA to test the club. If it does not conform, then the player would be disqualified.

Section 5. Automotive Transportation

Players may ride in a golf car or walk. Players may utilize a caddie, carry their own clubs or utilize a push cart at the discretion of the host facility. Golf cars are not required (unless otherwise stated). No more than two golf cars are permitted per group. No more than two people may ride on a golf car at any time. Spectators and caddies are not permitted to ride in a golf car. The Southern Texas PGA has the right to modify this transportation policy

NOTE: For the TEXAS SENIOR OPEN, during Round 3 (after the cut) when single rider golf cars are used, spectators and caddies are permitted to ride in the player's golf car. When a spectator is riding in the golf car, he/she is deemed to be the player's caddie

ARTICLE VII

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates participating in Southern Texas PGA Sponsored, Co-Sponsored, and Sanctioned Tournaments or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.) shall adhere to the USGA Rules of Golf, Southern Texas PGA Rules and Regulations, and the rules and regulations of any facility hosting a Southern Texas PGA Tournament. The STPGA Tournament Committee will review reports of inappropriate behavior and, if deemed appropriate, will file a grievance with the Section in accordance with the PGA of America Code of Ethics procedures. Individuals who wish to have the conduct of a professional during a Southern Texas PGA Tournament subject to review are to notify the Tournament Chair or Section Executive Director in writing within 10 days of the close of the event.

Section 1. Conduct Unbecoming a Professional

Conduct unbecoming a professional will include but would not be limited to the following:

- Any violation of the PGA of America Code of Ethics
- Malicious damage to a golf course, whether intentional or accidental; or any damage to any other part of the facility's course or equipment
- Intentional throwing, breaking, or destruction of golf clubs or equipment
- Loud, profane, crude and/or abusive language deemed to be offensive to spectators, participants, and/or the STPGA Tournament Committee
- Competing as the partner of and/or verifying the handicap of an amateur with the knowledge that such handicap is false or otherwise inaccurate
- Tender of any draft, check, credit card, or bill of exchange, which is dishonored after presentation for any reason
- Intoxication or being under the influence of an illegal substance before, during, or after tournament play
- Returning a false scorecard for a team or individual
- Other such conduct as may be deemed inappropriate and/or offensive before, after, or during tournament play or which could cause embarrassment to the host professional or the Southern Texas PGA
- Player or group plays through another group without authorization from the committee.

Section 2. Dress Code

Proper golf attire is required for all STPGA Sponsored and Sanctioned Tournaments. Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates are expected to present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Appropriate dress will consist of slacks and shirts with collars and sleeves for Male Professionals. Subject to the approval of the PGA Member or Associate at the host golf facility, shorts may be worn between May 1st and September 30th, provided they are a length that is slightly above the knee. Blue jeans or denim, collarless t-shirts and tank tops will not be allowed. Female participants must wear slacks, culottes, walking shorts, or golf skirts which constitute acceptable clothing worn by women in connection with participation in professional golf tournaments.

Section 3. Alcoholic Beverage Policy

STPGA Members and Associates are prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages while participating in STPGA Sponsored or Sanctioned Tournaments. This shall be in effect during the stipulated round and any playoffs.

Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages at a tournament site anytime could be considered a breach of the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Code of Conduct.

Section 4. Penalties for Violation of Code of Conduct

The general penalties for violation of any aspect of the STPGA Tournament Code of Conduct will be as listed below. Depending on the severity of any infraction, the PGA Member or Associate accused may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges in addition.

1st Offense - \$100 fine

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

Section 5. Tournament Education Policy

When education and/or meeting precedes the playing of any STPGA Sponsored Tournament, all Members and Associates registered must attend the education and/or meeting to be eligible to play in the Sponsored Tournament. A sign in sheet will be provided to verify attendance. A person will be considered not in attendance if they are not present 15 minutes after the start of education and/or meeting.

1st Offense – Player will be allowed to play in the tournament in addition to a \$100 fine.

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses – Player will not be allowed to play in the tournament, forfeit their entry fee to the tournament, and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of three months from the date of the infraction.

*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

Section 6. Failure to Check in at Official Registration Area

All players must check in at the Official Registration area prior to their Round 1 starting time.

Failure to do so will result in the following penalty structure:

1st Offense – \$100 fine

2nd Offense and Subsequent Offenses - \$300 fine and forfeit their privilege of being eligible to play or compete in STPGA Sponsored and STPGA Sanctioned Tournaments for a period of six months from the date of the infraction.

*All infractions will carry a two-year continuous cycle.

ARTICLE VIII **POINTS LIST**

Section 1. Professional Point List – Open Division

The Open Division Points will be awarded based on performance in the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments and the PGA Professional National Championship. The STPGA Major Championships are the Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Stroke Play Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

Points List Breakdowns

Open Division

Spring Classic, Stroke Play, Tradition, and Memorial Championships											
1st	5000	25th	1150	49th	850	73rd	685	97th	565	121st	445
2nd	4000	26th	1125	50th	840	74th	680	98th	560	122nd	440
3rd	3700	27th	1100	51st	833	75th	675	99th	555	123rd	435
4th	3400	28th	1075	52nd	826	76th	670	100th	550	124th	430
5th	3100	29th	1050	53rd	819	77th	665	101st	545	125th	425
6th	2900	30th	1040	54th	812	78th	660	102nd	540	126th	420
7th	2700	31st	1030	55th	805	79th	655	103rd	535	127th	415
8th	2500	32nd	1020	56th	798	80th	650	104th	530	128th	410
9th	2300	33rd	1010	57th	791	81st	645	105th	525	129th	405
10th	2100	34th	1000	58th	784	82nd	640	106th	520	130th	400
11th	2000	35th	990	59th	777	83rd	635	107th	515	131st	395
12th	1900	36th	980	60th	770	84th	630	108th	510	132nd	390
13th	1800	37th	970	61st	763	85th	625	109th	505	133rd	385
14th	1700	38th	960	62nd	756	86th	620	110th	500	134th	380
15th	1600	39th	950	63rd	749	87th	615	111th	495	135th	375
16th	1500	40th	940	64th	742	88th	610	112th	490	136th	370
17th	1450	41st	930	65th	735	89th	605	113th	485	137th	365
18th	1400	42nd	920	66th	728	90th	600	114th	480	138th	360
19th	1350	43rd	910	67th	721	91st	595	115th	475	139th	355
20th	1300	44th	900	68th	714	92nd	590	116th	470	140th	350
21st	1250	45th	890	69th	707	93rd	585	117th	465	141st	345
22nd	1225	46th	880	70th	700	94th	580	118th	460	142nd	340
23rd	1200	47th	870	71st	695	95th	575	119th	455	143rd	335
24th	1175	48th	860	72nd	690	96th	570	120th	450	144th	330

STPGA Professional Championship											
1st	6250	25th	1438	49th	1063	73rd	856	97th	706	121st	556
2nd	5000	26th	1406	50th	1050	74th	850	98th	700	122nd	550
3rd	4625	27th	1375	51st	1041	75th	844	99th	694	123rd	544
4th	4250	28th	1344	52nd	1033	76th	838	100th	688	124th	538
5th	3875	29th	1313	53rd	1024	77th	831	101st	681	125th	531
6th	3625	30th	1300	54th	1015	78th	825	102nd	675	126th	525
7th	3375	31st	1288	55th	1006	79th	819	103rd	669	127th	519
8th	3125	32nd	1275	56th	998	80th	813	104th	663	128th	513
9th	2875	33rd	1263	57th	989	81st	806	105th	656	129th	506
10th	2625	34th	1250	58th	980	82nd	800	106th	650	130th	500
11th	2500	35th	1238	59th	971	83rd	794	107th	644	131st	494
12th	2375	36th	1225	60th	963	84th	788	108th	638	132nd	488
13th	2250	37th	1213	61st	954	85th	781	109th	631	133rd	481
14th	2125	38th	1200	62nd	945	86th	775	110th	625	134th	475
15th	2000	39th	1188	63rd	936	87th	769	111th	619	135th	469
16th	1875	40th	1175	64th	928	88th	763	112th	613	136th	463
17th	1813	41st	1163	65th	919	89th	756	113th	606	137th	456
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19th	1688	43rd	1138	67th	901	91st	744	115th	594	139th	444
20th	1625	44th	1125	68th	893	92nd	738	116th	588	140th	438
21st	1563	45th	1113	69th	884	93rd	731	117th	581	141st	431
22nd	1531	46th	1100	70th	875	94th	725	118th	575	142nd	425
23rd	1500	47th	1088	71st	869	95th	719	119th	569	143rd	419
24th	1469	48th	1075	72nd	863	96th	713	120th	563	144th	413

PGA Professional Championship

1st	3100	11th	2800	21st	2500	31st	2200	41st	1900	51st	1600	61st	1300	71st	1030	81st	1000
2nd	3070	12th	2770	22nd	2470	32nd	2170	42nd	1870	52nd	1570	62nd	1270	72nd	1030	82nd	1000
3rd	3040	13th	2740	23rd	2440	33rd	2140	43rd	1840	53rd	1540	63rd	1240	73rd	1030	83rd	1000
4th	3010	14th	2710	24th	2410	34th	2110	44th	1810	54th	1510	64th	1210	74th	1030	84th	1000
5th	2980	15th	2680	25th	2380	35th	2080	45th	1780	55th	1480	65th	1180	75th	1030	85th	1000
6th	2950	16th	2650	26th	2350	36th	2050	46th	1750	56th	1450	66th	1150	76th	1030	86th	1000
7th	2920	17th	2620	27th	2320	37th	2020	47th	1720	57th	1420	67th	1120	77th	1030	87th	1000
8th	2890	18th	2590	28th	2290	38th	1990	48th	1690	58th	1390	68th	1090	78th	1030	88th	1000
9th	2860	19th	2560	29th	2260	39th	1960	49th	1660	59th	1360	69th	1060	79th	1030	89th	1000
10th	2830	20th	2530	30th	2230	40th	1930	50th	1630	60th	1330	70th	1030	80th	1030	90th	1000

STPGA Assistant Professional Championship											
1st	6250	25th	1438	49th	1063	73rd	856	97th	706	121st	556
2nd	5000	26th	1406	50th	1050	74th	850	98th	700	122nd	550
3rd	4625	27th	1375	51st	1041	75th	844	99th	694	123rd	544
4th	4250	28th	1344	52nd	1033	76th	838	100th	688	124th	538
5th	3875	29th	1313	53rd	1024	77th	831	101st	681	125th	531
6th	3625	30th	1300	54th	1015	78th	825	102nd	675	126th	525
7th	3375	31st	1288	55th	1006	79th	819	103rd	669	127th	519
8th	3125	32nd	1275	56th	998	80th	813	104th	663	128th	513
9th	2875	33rd	1263	57th	989	81st	806	105th	656	129th	506
10th	2625	34th	1250	58th	980	82nd	800	106th	650	130th	500
11th	2500	35th	1238	59th	971	83rd	794	107th	644	131st	494
12th	2375	36th	1225	60th	963	84th	788	108th	638	132nd	488
13th	2250	37th	1213	61st	954	85th	781	109th	631	133rd	481
14th	2125	38th	1200	62nd	945	86th	775	110th	625	134th	475
15th	2000	39th	1188	63rd	936	87th	769	111th	619	135th	469
16th	1875	40th	1175	64th	928	88th	763	112th	613	136th	463
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19th	1688	43rd	1138	67th	901	91st	744	115th	594	139th	444
20th	1625	44th	1125	68th	893	92nd	738	116th	588	140th	438
21st	1563	45th	1113	69th	884	93rd	731	117th	581	141st	431
22nd	1531	46th	1100	70th	875	94th	725	118th	575	142nd	425
23rd	1500	47th	1088	71st	869	95th	719	119th	569	143rd	419
24th	1469	48th	1075	72nd	863	96th	713	120th	563	144th	413
<p>This is based on order of finish in the field and not relative to finish against other A-8 players. Associates are not eligible to earn points in this event</p> <p>Note: Points only applied for Levy Cup purposes.</p>											

Section 2. Senior Division Professional Points List

The Senior Division Professional Points will be awarded based on performance in the Senior Division of the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments, the STPGA Professional Championship, and the Senior PGA Professional National Championship. The STPGA Major Championships with a Senior Division are the Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Stroke Play Championship, and the STPGA Senior Professional Championship. Senior Division Players playing in the Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship will be awarded points based on their finishing position in the field. As stated in the Conditions of Competition of these regulations, there will be no separate tees for Senior Division Players at the STPGA Professional Championship. (Note: There are no Divisions in the STPGA Professional Championship and Points earned in the STPGA Professional Championship are included in the Senior Division Point List)

Senior Division

Spring Classic, Stroke Play, Tradition, and Memorial Championships											
1st	5000	25th	1150	49th	850	73rd	685	97th	565	121st	445
2nd	4000	26th	1125	50th	840	74th	680	98th	560	122nd	440
3rd	3700	27th	1100	51st	833	75th	675	99th	555	123rd	435
4th	3400	28th	1075	52nd	826	76th	670	100th	550	124th	430
5th	3100	29th	1050	53rd	819	77th	665	101st	545	125th	425
6th	2900	30th	1040	54th	812	78th	660	102nd	540	126th	420
7th	2700	31st	1030	55th	805	79th	655	103rd	535	127th	415
8th	2500	32nd	1020	56th	798	80th	650	104th	530	128th	410
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11th	2000	35th	990	59th	777	83rd	635	107th	515	131st	395
12th	1900	36th	980	60th	770	84th	630	108th	510	132nd	390
13th	1800	37th	970	61st	763	85th	625	109th	505	133rd	385
14th	1700	38th	960	62nd	756	86th	620	110th	500	134th	380
15th	1600	39th	950	63rd	749	87th	615	111th	495	135th	375
16th	1500	40th	940	64th	742	88th	610	112th	490	136th	370
17th	1450	41st	930	65th	735	89th	605	113th	485	137th	365
18th	1400	42nd	920	66th	728	90th	600	114th	480	138th	360
19th	1350	43rd	910	67th	721	91st	595	115th	475	139th	355
20th	1300	44th	900	68th	714	92nd	590	116th	470	140th	350
21st	1250	45th	890	69th	707	93rd	585	117th	465	141st	345
22nd	1225	46th	880	70th	700	94th	580	118th	460	142nd	340
23rd	1200	47th	870	71st	695	95th	575	119th	455	143rd	335
24th	1175	48th	860	72nd	690	96th	570	120th	450	144th	330

STPGA Senior Professional Championship											
1st	6250	25th	1438	49th	1063	73rd	856	97th	706	121st	556
2nd	5000	26th	1406	50th	1050	74th	850	98th	700	122nd	550
3rd	4625	27th	1375	51st	1041	75th	844	99th	694	123rd	544
4th	4250	28th	1344	52nd	1033	76th	838	100th	688	124th	538
5th	3875	29th	1313	53rd	1024	77th	831	101st	681	125th	531
6th	3625	30th	1300	54th	1015	78th	825	102nd	675	126th	525
7th	3375	31st	1288	55th	1006	79th	819	103rd	669	127th	519
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9th	2875	33rd	1263	57th	989	81st	806	105th	656	129th	506
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15th	2000	39th	1188	63rd	936	87th	769	111th	619	135th	469
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23rd	1500	47th	1088	71st	869	95th	719	119th	569	143rd	419
24th	1469	48th	1075	72nd	863	96th	713	120th	563	144th	413

PGA Senior Professional Championship

1st	3100	11th	2800	21st	2500	31st	2200	41st	1900	51st	1600	61st	1300	71st	1030	81st	1000
2nd	3070	12th	2770	22nd	2470	32nd	2170	42nd	1870	52nd	1570	62nd	1270	72nd	1030	82nd	1000
3rd	3040	13th	2740	23rd	2440	33rd	2140	43rd	1840	53rd	1540	63rd	1240	73rd	1030	83rd	1000
4th	3010	14th	2710	24th	2410	34th	2110	44th	1810	54th	1510	64th	1210	74th	1030	84th	1000
5th	2980	15th	2680	25th	2380	35th	2080	45th	1780	55th	1480	65th	1180	75th	1030	85th	1000
6th	2950	16th	2650	26th	2350	36th	2050	46th	1750	56th	1450	66th	1150	76th	1030	86th	1000
7th	2920	17th	2620	27th	2320	37th	2020	47th	1720	57th	1420	67th	1120	77th	1030	87th	1000
8th	2890	18th	2590	28th	2290	38th	1990	48th	1690	58th	1390	68th	1090	78th	1030	88th	1000
9th	2860	19th	2560	29th	2260	39th	1960	49th	1660	59th	1360	69th	1060	79th	1030	89th	1000
10th	2830	20th	2530	30th	2230	40th	1930	50th	1630	60th	1330	70th	1030	80th	1030	90th	1000

Senior Division Points Distribution for STPGA Professional Championship						
1st 5000	25th 1150	49th 850	73rd 685	97th 565	121st 445	
2nd 4000	26th 1125	50th 840	74th 680	98th 560	122nd 440	
3rd 3700	27th 1100	51st 833	75th 675	99th 555	123rd 435	
4th 3400	28th 1075	52nd 826	76th 670	100th 550	124th 430	
5th 3100	29th 1050	53rd 819	77th 665	101st 545	125th 425	
6th 2900	30th 1040	54th 812	78th 660	102nd 540	126th 420	
7th 2700	31st 1030	55th 805	79th 655	103rd 535	127th 415	
8th 2500	32nd 1020	56th 798	80th 650	104th 530	128th 410	
9th 2300	33rd 1010	57th 791	81st 645	105th 525	129th 405	
10th 2100	34th 1000	58th 784	82nd 640	106th 520	130th 400	
11th 2000	35th 990	59th 777	83rd 635	107th 515	131st 395	
12th 1900	36th 980	60th 770	84th 630	108th 510	132nd 390	
13th 1800	37th 970	61st 763	85th 625	109th 505	133rd 385	
14th 1700	38th 960	62nd 756	86th 620	110th 500	134th 380	
15th 1600	39th 950	63rd 749	87th 615	111th 495	135th 375	
16th 1500	40th 940	64th 742	88th 610	112th 490	136th 370	
17th 1450	41st 930	65th 735	89th 605	113th 485	137th 365	
18th 1400	42nd 920	66th 728	90th 600	114th 480	138th 360	
19th 1350	43rd 910	67th 721	91st 595	115th 475	139th 355	
20th 1300	44th 900	68th 714	92nd 590	116th 470	140th 350	
21st 1250	45th 890	69th 707	93rd 585	117th 465	141st 345	
22nd 1225	46th 880	70th 700	94th 580	118th 460	142nd 340	
23rd 1200	47th 870	71st 695	95th 575	119th 455	143rd 335	
24th 1175	48th 860	72nd 690	96th 570	120th 450	144th 330	
This is based on order of finish in the field and not relative to finish against other Senior Division players						

Section 3. Player of the Year – Open and Senior Divisions, Women’s Player of the Year

Annually the Southern Texas PGA will recognize the top finishers on the respective point lists including a Player of the Year and a Senior Player of the Year. These awards will be given to the individuals that accumulate the highest totals.

Senior age is determined by the individual’s age as of the first round of the event.

Women’s Player of the Year Points will be awarded based on performance in the Southern Texas PGA Major Tournaments (Open Division) and the PGA Professional National Championship. The STPGA Major Championships are the Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Stroke Play Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship. The Women’s Player of the Year Points will be in addition to the Open Division Player of the Year and will mirror the Points System used.

Section 4. Playing Opportunities Determined by Points List or other Competitive Basis

At such time as these opportunities are available the playing spots will be awarded as described below.

PGA Tour Tournament Exemptions

The previous year Player of the Year will receive first choice of an exemption into the PGA Tour Tournaments held traditionally in the Houston and San Antonio areas each year. The current STPGA Professional Champion will receive second choice of any such exemptions. Should during any calendar year additional such exemptions become available, the previous year Player of the Year Points List would determine the priority for awarding these opportunities.

Any exemptions from Pre-Qualifying for PGA Tour events awarded to the Southern Texas PGA will be given to the leading finishers on the previous year Player of the Year point list. In the event an individual is previously exempt from the Pre-Qualifying or declines the opportunity, the next available finisher will be offered the exemption.

PGA Champions Tour Pre-Qualifying Exemptions

The Southern Texas PGA Senior Players (Ages 50 and over) in order of finish on the STPGA Senior Player of the Year points list will receive the additional playing benefits available to the STPGA. This includes the Senior Representative position on the Texas Joe Black Cup Team and any exemptions from Pre-Qualifying for Champions Tour events. Traditionally the Senior PGA Professional Championship is held after the STPGA Professional Championship; as such points from the Senior PGA Professional Championship would not count toward determining the Senior Representatives for the Levy Cup Matches.

The previous year Senior Player of the Year will receive first choice of an exemption into the Open Qualifying for the PGA Champions Tour Tournaments held traditionally in the Houston and San Antonio areas each year. The current STPGA Senior Professional Champion will receive second choice of any such exemptions. Should during any calendar year additional such exemptions become available, the previous year highest finishing Seniors on the STPGA Senior Player of the Year Point List would determine the priority for awarding these opportunities.

Commitments from these individuals to participate in the additional playing opportunities should be received by December 31 of the year prior to the year of the playing opportunities. If such commitment is not received by the Southern Texas PGA, then the Executive Director will assign the respective choices for these individuals.

Note: The eligibility requirements of the PGA Tour, Champions Tour, or other events will supersede the STPGA's definition or requirements. If this is the case the next highest individual on the respective points list would receive the benefit.

Section 5. Texas Joe Black Cup Matches

The Texas Joe Black Cup Matches are an annual Ryder Cup-style tournament pitting twelve Southern Texas PGA Members against their counterparts from the Northern Texas PGA. The purpose of the tournament is to honor former PGA of America President Joe Black and stimulate the fraternal aspect of the Association between the two PGA Sections in Texas. The STPGA Board of Directors will select a Southern Texas PGA Member to serve as captain of the team each year. The specific rules of the tournament are detailed in the Captain's Agreement executed

at the time of Captain selection. At the conclusion of the Southern Texas PGA Professional Championship the STPGA Team of 12 players will be determined as follows:

- ❑ Section President
- ❑ The top ten (10) eligibly employed Class A-1, A-4, or A-13 Southern Texas PGA Members determined by the STPGA Open Division Player of the Year Point List as determined at the conclusion of the STPGA Professional Championship.
- ❑ One (1) At-Large eligibly employed Class A-1, A-4, or A-13 Southern Texas PGA Member selected by the Captain.

Note: Any changes in classification or employment within 30 days of the Official Practice Round of the Matches will not impact the composition of team.

Section 6. Levy Cup Matches

The Levy Cup Matches are an annual Ryder Cup-style tournament pitting twelve Southern Texas PGA Members against their counterparts from the Northern Texas PGA. The purpose of the tournament is to honor PGA of America President Paul Levy, stimulate the fraternal aspect of the Association between the two PGA Sections in Texas and create a mentorship experience between Assistant Professionals and Senior Members. The STPGA Board of Directors will select a Southern Texas PGA Member to serve as captain of the team each year. The specific rules of the tournament are detailed in the Captain's Agreement executed at the time of Captain selection. At the conclusion of the Southern Texas PGA Assistant Professional Championship the STPGA Team of 12 players will be determined as follows:

- ❑ The top six (6) employed class A-8 Southern Texas PGA Members determined by the STPGA Open Division Player of the Year Points list. Assistants must be eligibly employed as an A-8 within the Section prior to the first round of the Professional Championship or Assistants' Championship, whichever is contested last.
- ❑ The top six (6) Southern Texas PGA Members of any classification, that are classified in the Southern Texas PGA, and have reached their 50th birthday on or before the first round of competition at the Southern Texas Senior PGA Professional Championship, determined by the STPGA Senior Division Player of the Year Points List.

Note: Any changes in classification or employment within 30 days of the official Practice Round of the Matches will not impact the composition of team.

ARTICLE IX

PRIZE MONEY

Section 1. Prize Money Breakdown

In the following events, 33% of the starting field will be paid: Spring Classic, Memorial Championship, Tradition Championship, Professional Championship, Senior Professional Championship, Assistant Professional Championship, Kickoff Pro-Pro, 9/9/9 Pro-Pro, Texas Team Championship, Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro, Western Chapter Pro-Pro, Southern Chapter Pro-Pro, and Fall Pro-Assistant.

The, Pro-Pro Am-Am, and Texas Senior Open will have a separate prize money breakdown.

The Southern Texas PGA reserves the right to determine individual percentages.

Section 2. Day Money

Any player who finishes in the bottom half of the field after Round 1 will be eligible for a Final Round Day Money competition. Entry is \$20 per player and cash will be collected at #1 and #10 tees before each group tees off. The competition will only take Round 2 scores into consideration and the top three finishers split the pool as follows: 50% 1st, 30% for 2nd and 20% for 3rd.

Section 3. Skins Game

At STPGA Major Championships, participants are eligible for a STPGA Sponsored skins game unless they are in the Top 24 of the current STPGA Points List, Top 6 of the current STPGA Senior Points List, or PGA Class A-3 Members and special exempt players (Such as but not limited to: Members of other PGA Sections and non-PGA Professionals when the eligibility and entry criteria for the event allow) are considered as being in the top 24 on the point list. Skins will be distributed to sole winners of a hole. If there is no winner in a round, skins will carry-over to the next round. Should a carry-over occur on the final round, skins will be distributed to the players on the least tied hole of the final round.

During the first two majors of the year, the prior year's points list would be referenced for this purpose. In the remaining majors, the current points list would be referenced. The points list referenced will be considered current as of the registration open date for the major event. The STPGA Major Tournaments are the Stroke Play Championship, Spring Classic Championship, the Memorial Championship, the Tradition Championship, and the STPGA Professional Championship.

Section 4. Ace Club

The Southern Texas PGA has created the STPGA Ace Club presented by Texoma Golf for Members and Associates of the STPGA.

You can join the Ace Club for an annual fee of \$25 and it will add a new level of excitement to competition in STPGA events. A friendly reminder that you *only need to register ONCE* for the Ace Club. Your one registration makes you eligible for all of the designated tournaments listed below.

Ace Club members that score a hole-in-one during a designated STPGA tournament in 2021 will split the money in the pool and the pool will also include \$5,525 from the 2019 and 2020 Ace Club Pool (no winners in 2019/2020) and \$500 from our presenting sponsor, Texoma Golf! The payout will take place at the end of the year.

****You must join the Ace Club prior to scoring a hole-in-one for it to count toward the year-end split****

IF YOU REGISTERED FOR ACE CLUB IN PRIOR YEARS, YOU MUST REGISTER AGAIN FOR 2021. MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB IS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

DESIGNATED TOURNAMNETS FOR 2021 SEASON

Pro-Pro Championship
Pro-Pro Match Play
Spring Classic
Stroke Play Championship
STPGA Assistant Professional Championship
STPGA Senior Professional Championship
9/9/9 Pro-Pro
Texas Team Championship (STPGA Members Only)
Tradition Championship
Memorial Championship
STPGA Professional Championship
Pro-Pro Match Play Championship Finals
STPGA Fall Pro-Assistant
Eastern Chapter Pro-Pro
Western Chapter Pro-Pro
Southern Chapter Pro-Pro



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Southern Texas Section

Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Form

(Please copy if making more than one request)

Facility:
Professional:
Name of Event:
Type of Event:
Format:
Sponsor:
Requested Date: 1st Choice:
2nd Choice:
3rd Choice:

Events appearing on the STPGA Tournament calendar are considered to be sanctioned. STPGA Members and Associates may request to have an event sanctioned by submitting a request in writing to the STPGA Section Office. Acceptance of an event as sanctioned is at the sole discretion of the Section.

For all sanctioned events, at the host professional’s discretion, the Section will distribute an entry form to all Section Members, Associates, and Pre-Associates, and communicate results to the local media outlets.

The Tournament Regulations can be found online at www.stpga.com.

As host Professional, I will perform the duties outlined in the STPGA Tournament Regulations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Fax this signed form to the Southern Texas PGA at 832-442-2403 or scan and email to rpalmer@pgahq.com



Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Confirmation

Thank you for agreeing to place your event on the Southern Texas PGA calendar. As a Sanctioned Event, you are entitled to several benefits and have a few obligations.

Benefits

- 1) Your event will be listed on the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Calendar. A hyperlink from the STPGA Tournament Calendar will direct viewers to a webpage describing the details of your event.
- 2) The STPGA will create a printable version of your entry form that can be downloaded from the webpage.
- 3) Your event will be promoted in the STPGA electronic Newsletter
- 4) The STPGA will send one reminder email to all STPGA Members and Associates about your event.
- 5) The date of your event will be protected from other similar competing events within your Chapter. While the STPGA cannot dictate what events our Members can participate, the STPGA does have a conflicting event rule. This rule is detailed within the Tournament Rules and Regulations and posted in the private view of www.stpga.com. Basically, Members or Associates participating in a conflicting event are subject to losing their privilege of participating in other STPGA tournaments.
- 6) The Southern Texas PGA will process your Professional purse payout if desired. Once funds are received, the STPGA will submit the purse payout for processing. The STPGA will also track and manage any IRS Form 1099 reporting requirements.

Obligations

- 1) You are agreeing to abide by the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations. This primarily includes only allowing Southern Texas PGA Members and Associates in good standing to participate. PGA Members or Associates from other Sections are allowed to participate, assuming they are also in good standing with the PGA of America. These rules are detailed within the Tournament Rules and Regulations and at www.stpga.com.
- 2) The Professional Purse payout will be within the guidelines established in the Southern Texas PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations.



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Southern Texas Section

Southern Texas PGA Sanctioned Event Request Confirmation

Name of Event as it will appear on STPGA Event Calendar:

Please process the payout of the Professional Purse for my event: Yes No (Circle One)

The attached printable entry form is approved:

As Submitted As Submitted with changes noted (Circle One)

Electronic Promotional Issues for your event:

Approximate email blast date:

The Tournament Regulations can be found online at www.stpga.com.

As the PGA Professional responsible for this event, I will perform the duties outlined in the STPGA Tournament Regulations and this agreement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Fax this signed form to the Southern Texas PGA at 832-442-2403 or scan and email to rpalmer@pgahq.com